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SUBJECT: MBFR: NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN SPD AND FDP?

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1. IN A FEBRUARY 10 SPD PRESS RELEASE, SPD DEPUTY AND MBFR EXPERT PAWELCZYK INDICATED THAT THE HOPES OF THOSE WHO THOUGHT THEY COULD DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN THE SPD AND THE FDP ON MBFR HAD BEEN DESTROYED. PAWELCZYK BASED HIS CONCLUSION ON AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE JANUARY EDITION OF THE FDP MAGAZINE "LIBERAL." THE ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY WALTER SCHILLING, WAS ENTITLED "SECURITY ON A MUTUAL BASIS" AND SKETCHED THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS EASTERN AND WESTERN PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THE ALLIANCE'S NUCLEAR OFFER.

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2. PAWELCZYK WROTE THAT THIS ARTICLE TOO HAD DEMONSTRATED -- AS HAD HIS OWN PUBLIC COMMENTS -- THAT THERE HAD BEEN MOVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO TWO POINTS DEMONSTRATED BY THE ARTICLE: FIRST, BOTH SIDES TODAY SAW THE NEGOTIATING POSSIBILITY LIMITATIONS OF THE OTHER SIDE CLEARER THAN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFERENCE, AND SECOND, BOTH SIDES HAD

CHANGED THEIR BASIC POSITIONS AND MOVED TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER.

- 3. PAWELCZYK CLOSED HIS PRESS RELEASE BY PRAISING THE ARTICLE'S CONTRIBUTION OF PRESENTING AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO CALLED IT FORTUNATE THAT THE ARTICLE APPEARED AT A TIME WHEN THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION AS WELL AS CERTAIN PRESS ORGANS WERE TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN THE SPD AND THE FDP.
- 4. COMMENT: WE HAVE READ THE SCHILLING ARTICLE AND BELIEVE PAWELCZYK MAY BE GRASPING AT STRAWS. THE ONLY SENTENCE ABOUT CHANGES IN POSITION READS AS FOLLOWS: "THUS, THE BASIC POSITIONS INTRODUCED WERE ONLY INSIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED." NEVERTHELESS, AS WE REPORTED IN REFTEL, THE FDP APPEARS TO BE REVIEWING THE BIDDING ON MBFR AND GENSCHER MAY BE PREPARED TO TAKE A SYMPATHETIC LOOK AT NEW PROPOSALS. STOESSEL

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